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TAGS: PGOV PORS CA
SUBJECT: ELMER MACKAY DISCLOSURE OF NOVA SCOTIA RCMP
INVESTIGATION: PRESS COMMENTARY

1. IN "NOVA SCOTIA NOTEBOOK", OPINION COLUMN BYLINED
BY IAN THOMPSON OF HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (7/16/77),
STATEMENT IS MADE THAT GOVT OF NS PREMIER GERALD REGAN
COULD BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. COLUMNIST BASED HIS
REMARKS ON STATEMENT MADE IN COMMONS JULY 14 BY
MP ELMER MACKAY THAT RCMP INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY
IN NS WHICH REACHES "INTO THE HIGHEST ECHELONS OF
THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT".

2. DISMISSING COMMENT OF NS ATTY GEN LEONARD PACE
THAT MACKAY ALLEGATIONS ARE IRRESPONSIBLE AND SMACK OF
"MCCARTHYISM", THOMPSON SAID THAT MACKAY HAS GOOD
TRACK RECORD SO FAR AND IF WHAT HE IS NOW SAYING IS
THE TRUTH THEN IT CAN HARDLY BE IRRESPONSIBLE.

3. CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY COLUMNIST THAT RCMP
WILL PURSUE INVESTIGATION DILIGENTLY IF FOR NO
OTHER REASON THAN BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN
STUNG SEVERELY IN OTHER INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING
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HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS THAT RCMP BACKED AWAY
FROM AN INVESTIGATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK WHICH WAS
GETTING TOO CLOSE TO TURNING UP INFO ON MALFEASANCES
OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

4. COLUMN CONCLUDES BY HARKING BACK TO WATERGATE
AND IMPLYING THAT MACKAY WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF HIS

TERMINOLOGY WHEN MENTIONING THE "HIGHEST ECHELONS"
OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVT.

5. POUCHING COPIES OF COLUMN TO EMBASSY OTTAWA AND
DEPT (EUR/CAN).

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